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THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.

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January 1, 1980

Mattachine Society Newsletter

This newsletter is being sent in order to inform you of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier's (MSNF) present situation.

We are still located in the Franklin Building at 45 Allen Street in Buffalo. This facility is used as a business office, for counseling services, legal and medical referral, and general information service for Western New York. The office is the present location for our bi-monthly meetings and pot luck dinners (First and third Sunday at 6:30 P.M.).

Some of our other services are the maintenance of a speaker's bureau and a counselor training program. We hope to re-open a member's library in the near future.

One of the main lines of communication with the gay community has been the Fifth Freedom, a monthly newspaper. Unfortunately, we have not been able to maintain a monthly schedule of publication. Because of the lack of financial backing and personnel, we are finding it nearly impossible to continue publishing and mailing the Fifth Freedom on such a large scale. Because of the bulk mailing charges, we will no longer have a bulk mailing permit as of January 1st, 1980. Therefore we must reduce the number of copies to be printed and mailed. We will only be able to mail copies to our paid members and pledge donors. Copies, will, of course, be available at the usual points of distribution.

MSNF regrets that we will not be able to continue the level of service until our membership and financial condition improves.

MSNF has a long history of maintaining a continued gay presence in Buffalo. It has helped to build a more open atmosphere in which gays can live. MSNF has helped to prevent bar raids, has stimulated dialogue with legislators at the local, state and national levels, has improved relationships with many of the religious congregations, has helped develop programs and cooperation with mental and physical health services and has promoted greater media coverage. These are examples of some of the things that were done in the '70's. To continue such activities in the '80's, we need your help!

An annual membership and/or a monthly pledge would be greatly appreciated and used solely to the benefit of the gay community. Please indicate the level of your support on the form on the next page and return to our P.O. Box number 115 Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205.

I wish to pledge a montly sum of \$1.00 ____ \$2 ____ \$5 ____ \$10 ____ \$ ____

I wish to start or continue my membership: (\$10.00 per year):

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We anticipate and appreciate your support

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